

MINUTES

State Board of Education Meeting

Date

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

Time

1:00 p.m.

Location

Rutledge Conference Center
1429 Senate Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair

Michael Brenan, Chair-elect

Molly M. Spearman

State Superintendent of Education

Secretary and Administrative Officer to the Board

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SBE Mission: The State Board of Education's mission is to provide a leadership role in helping South Carolina set policy and direction to transform teaching and learning so that students are prepared with the necessary knowledge and skills, including innovation, to compete globally and live a productive life.

I. WELCOME

The State Board of Education (SBE) meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. Chair Cooper called the meeting to order.

The following SBE members were in attendance: Traci Young Cooper, EdD, Chair, Fifth Judicial Circuit; Samuel Alston, EdD, First Judicial Circuit; Jim Griffith, Second Judicial Circuit; Lonzena Harry, Third Judicial Circuit; Gerald Reeves, Fourth Judicial Circuit; James Stroman, Sixth Judicial Circuit; Jane P. Harmon, Seventh Judicial Circuit; Ivan Randolph, PhD, Eighth Judicial Circuit; Richard Kizer, Ninth Judicial Circuit; Jeffrey Kubu, Tenth Judicial Circuit; Dr. Sharon Wall, Eleventh Judicial Circuit; Thomas Ewart, Twelfth Judicial Circuit; Danny Varat, PhD, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit; Rhonda Edwards, EdD, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit; Thomas Shortt, EdD, Fifteenth Judicial Circuit; Sharon Bynum, Sixteenth Judicial Circuit; and Mike Brenan, Chair-elect, Governor's Appointee.

The following South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) staff were in attendance: Betsy Carpentier, Chief Operating Officer, Office of the Superintendent; Virgie Chambers, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Operations and Support; Cathy Hazelwood, Deputy Superintendent and Parliamentarian, Division for Legal Affairs; Sheila Quinn, Deputy Superintendent, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness; Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance; Dino

Teppara, Director, Public Information Office; Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment; Jennifer Morrison, Director, Office of School Transformation; Robert Benn, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Duane Martin, Information Resource Consultant, Service and Support Center, Chief Information Office; Barbara Drayton, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs; and LaTonia Holloway, Administrative Assistant, Office of General Counsel, Division for Legal Affairs.

II. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES FOR AUGUST 12, 2015

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the minutes as presented for the SBE meeting on August 12, 2015. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. APPROVAL OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 9, 2015

Chair Cooper asked if there were any objections to approving the agenda for the SBE meeting on September 9, 2015. Dr. Wall moved that the minutes be approved as written; Dr. Alston seconded the motion. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

IV. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS, INCLUDING NEWS MEDIA

Chair Cooper welcomed visitors to the SBE meeting. Chair Cooper acknowledged Laura Bayne and newly appointed Superintendent Elliott Smiley, both of the South Carolina Public Charter School District.

V. STATE BOARD CHAIR REPORT

Chair Cooper stated that she had two information items to share. She had an opportunity on September 2, 2015, to represent the Board at the SCASA New Superintendents' Retreat. She discussed with the new superintendents the key governance role of the State Board, provided an overview of the Board's goals and key actions for the year, shared details of how the Board could best support their efforts in the community, and discussed the subcommittee structure and waiver process. She further stated that she had placed a document regarding the newly appointed superintendents in each board member's circuit. She requested that the members reach out and welcome the new superintendents in their circuits. Dr. Cooper also reported that she has been asked to speak to the Old English Consortium of Superintendents on October 1 and she will also represent the SBE at the South Carolina Arts Alliance meeting in Columbia at the end of the month.

Dr. Cooper stated that the second information item is regarding the SBE Volunteer Awards and recognized Dr. Rhonda Edwards, Committee Chair, to provide a report. Dr. Edwards stated that the volunteer winners had been selected and will be announced during the October 14 State Board meeting.

Dr. Cooper mentioned that the Volunteer Award winners will be honored at a reception at EdVenture following the Board meeting and all of the Board members are invited to attend.

This concluded her report.

VI. STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION REPORT

Chair Cooper recognized Superintendent Molly Spearman to present her report. Mrs. Spearman acknowledged and welcomed everyone and stated that her report would be brief. She stated that she has been very busy and that school has started. She stated that SCDE staff are working on the new state accountability system and hope to have information to report soon. She further stated that there are a lot of wonderful things going on at this time. Mrs. Spearman also reported that all her deputies participated in the Superintendent's Retreat sponsored by SCASA last week.

Mrs. Spearman introduced and acknowledged Ms. Mary Huffman, the 2015 National History Teacher of the Year Award. Ms. Huffman is a fifth-grade history teacher at Charles Pinckney Elementary School, Charleston County School District. She is the first teacher from South Carolina and the Southeast to receive this prestigious award. Mrs. Spearman recognized Ms. Huffman to share her story and ways in which she is successful in her classroom. Ms. Huffman shared her many different innovated ways of teaching and how it successfully affects her students. She again thanked Mrs. Spearman and the Board for the opportunity to appear before them at the conclusion her comments.

This concluded the State Superintendent's report.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Cooper recognized Mr. Elliott Smiley, Superintendent, for the South Carolina Public Charter School.

VIII. STATE BOARD ITEMS

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Varat, who reported that the Committee met and had three action items; which were approved and placed on the consent agenda. Dr. Varat explained in detail what each item dealt with. Cathy Hazelwood, General Counsel, stated that traditionally regulations are not normally placed on the Consent Agenda and that formal action needs to be taken. Dr. Varat elaborated on what specific changes were made in Regulations 43-51 and 43-90. Dr. Cooper stated that because this recommendation is from the Committee, it did not

require a second. Dr. Randolph moved that the Committee recommendation be approved; the motion was seconded by Mr. Kubu. Motion carried.

Dr. Cooper stated that the Board has approved Item 01, 02, and 03.

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cooper recognized Mr. Ewart, who reported that the Committee heard one action item, which was approved and placed on the consent agenda. The Committee also received a fiscal update and budget report for 2015–16, respectfully. Mr. Kubu asked if the districts that were awarded monies were the only districts that requested and were awarded the funds. Mr. Ewart stated that a total of 32 districts applied; however, there was only enough funding to award the six school districts.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Technology/Device Pilot (FY 2015–16 Proviso 1A.72)**—Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. Financial Update for Fiscal Year 2015–16**—Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

PL POLICY AND LEGISLATION—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cooper reported that the Policy and Legislation Committee did not meet this month.

SLA STANDARDS, LEARNING, AND ACCOUNTABILITY—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cooper recognized Dr. Ivan Randolph who reported that the Committee heard one action item and two information items. Dr. Randolph recognized John Payne, who made a presentation regarding Regulation 43-243 and explained in detail what changes would be made and provided reasons for these changes. Dr. Randolph expressed his appreciation to Mr. Payne and the sub-committee for their hard work and efforts placed into the first reading of this regulation. Dr. Cooper stated that this recommendation was out of committee and did not require a second. Dr. Cooper called for the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Randolph stated that the remaining items were information items. The first item dealt with First Steps Readiness Definition document. He stated that work is diligently being done to complete this document and that the final document should be presented at the October 14 Board meeting. Dr. Randolph further stated that Ms. Liz Jones provided the Committee with an update on Statewide Assessment Programs. This concluded his report.

FOR APPROVAL

- 01. Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-243 (R.43-243), Special Education, Education of Students with Disabilities (First Reading)**—John R. Payne, Director, Office of Special Education Services, Division of College and Career Readiness

FOR INFORMATION

- 02. First Steps Readiness Definition**—Julie Gore Fowler, PhD, Deputy Superintendent, Division of College and Career Readiness
- 03. Update on Statewide Assessment Programs**—Liz Jones, Director, Office of Assessment, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

ELC EDUCATOR LICENSURE—COMMITTEE REPORT

Chair Cooper stated that the Full Educator Licensure Committee met at 11:30 and took action at that time to ratify the ECC agenda items; therefore, there will not be a formal report made at this time.

SBE SOUTH CAROLINA BOARD OF EDUCATION

FOR INFORMATION

- 01. School Transformation at the SCDE**—Jennifer Morrison, Director, School Transformation, Division of Innovation and Effectiveness

Chair Cooper recognized Jennifer Morrison, who provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding school transformation at the Department and gave detailed specifications as to what that means in correlation with our schools. Mr. Brenan thanked Ms. Morrison and staff for their hard work and their collaborative efforts with TransformSC regarding this issue. Dr. Edwards asked a question regarding the Early College program and if funding will be available in the future for this initiative. Ms. Morrison responded that the Department is partnering with other entities on this initiative and is bringing some funding in.

EP EDUCATION PROFESSIONS—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-51 (R.43-51), Certification Requirements (First Reading)**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator Effectiveness
02. **Proposed Amendments to State Board of Education (SBE) Regulation 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-90 (R.43-90), Program Approval Standards for South Carolina Teacher Education Institutions (First Reading)**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator Effectiveness
03. **The Professional Review Committee (PRC) Recommendation for Three New Committee Members**—Rachel Harvey, Education Associate, Office of Educator Services, Division of Educator Effectiveness

Dr. Cooper stated that these items had already been acted upon.

IF INNOVATION AND FINANCE—COMMITTEE REPORT

FOR APPROVAL

01. **Technology/Device Pilot (FY 2015–16 Proviso 1A.72)**—Mellanie Jinnette, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Finance

Dr. Cooper reminded board members that action on EP items 01-03 have already been taken, and she called for the vote. Mr. Griffith made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

<p>X. OTHER BUSINESS</p>

Chair Cooper reminded everyone to turn in their travel forms prior to leaving the meeting. She stated that the next Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 14, 2015. During that time, the 2015 State Board of Education Volunteer Award winners will be recognized. She further stated that the Board would be transported to the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center for the South Carolina Conference of Public Education Partners, where Superintendent Spearman will be the speaker for the occasion. She explained the logistics for the day and stated that the Board meeting will begin around

1:45 p.m.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Wall moved to adjourn the meeting; it was seconded by Ms. Bynum. Motion carried. The SBE adjourned at 1:45 p.m.